



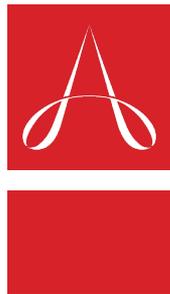
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# Neurological Surgery Review Committee Update

Kristen Ward Hirsch, MBA, Review Committee Executive Director

Jennifer Luna, Review Committee Associate Executive Director

2024 Association of Residency Administrators in Neurological  
Surgery (ARANS) Annual Meeting – New York, New York



# Discussion Topics

- Review Committee Members and Staff
- Accreditation and Program Statistics
- ACGME Site Visit Update 2024
- Interim Request Reminders
- ACGME Resources

# REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

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# Review Committee Membership

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Robert E. Harbaugh, MD (**Chair**), Penn State Hershey

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Christopher I. Shaffrey, MD (**Vice Chair**), Duke University

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Richard G. Ellenbogen, MD, University of Washington

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Douglas Kondziolka, MD, NYU Langone

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Francesco T. Mangano, DO, University of Cincinnati

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Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD

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Gregory J. Zipfel, MD, Washington University

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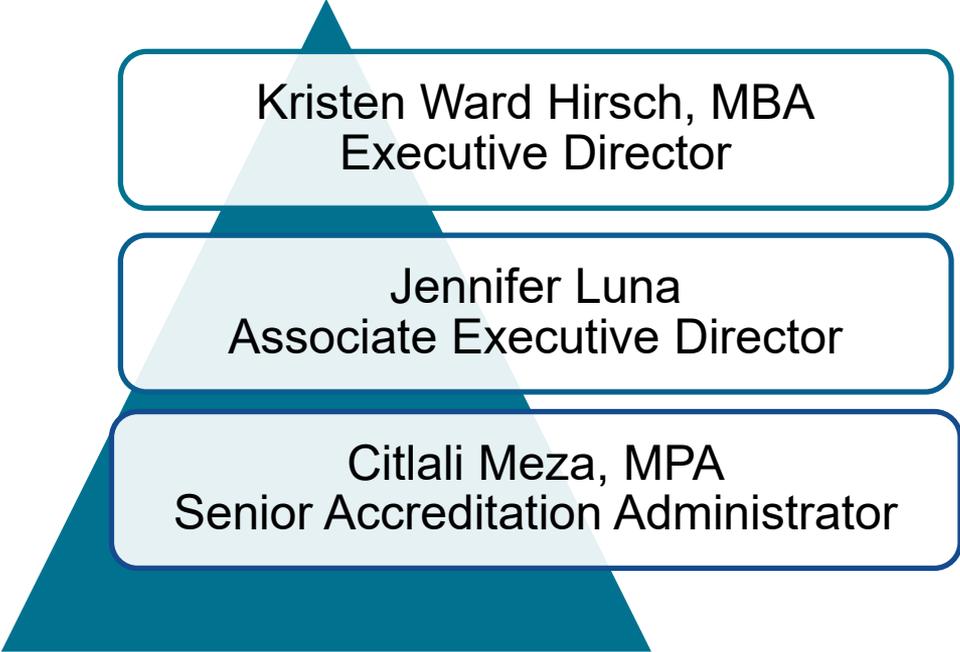


# Incoming Members Effective July 1, 2024

- Daniel Resnick, MD, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine



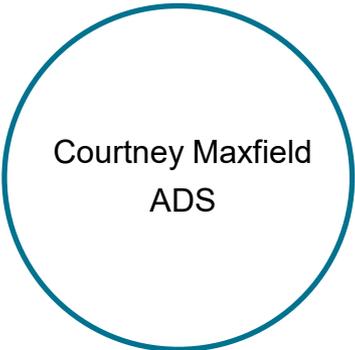
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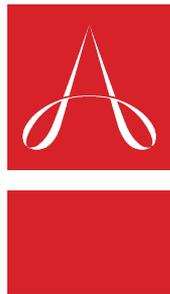
Kristen Ward Hirsch, MBA  
Executive Director

Jennifer Luna  
Associate Executive Director

Citlali Meza, MPA  
Senior Accreditation Administrator



Courtney Maxfield  
ADS



# Upcoming Review Committee Meetings

## **August 29, 2024**

- Agenda close: July 31, 2024 [interim requests only]

## **January 17-18, 2025**

- Agenda close: November 8, 2024

## **April 4-5, 2025**

- Agenda close: February 21, 2025

# ACCREDITATION AND PROGRAM STATISTICS

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# Program Statistics

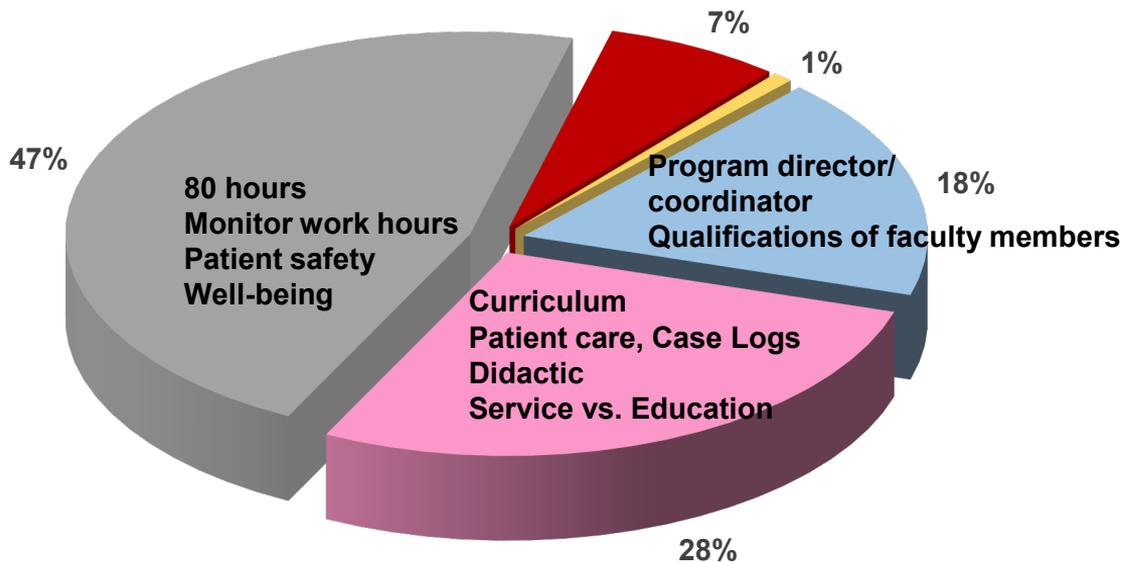
Accreditation Status	# Programs
Continued Accreditation	98
Continued w/o Outcomes	10
Continued with Warning	6
Initial Accreditation	2
Probation	1
Withdrawal of Accreditation	0
Total Accredited Programs	117



# Meeting Activity Summary for AY 2022-2023

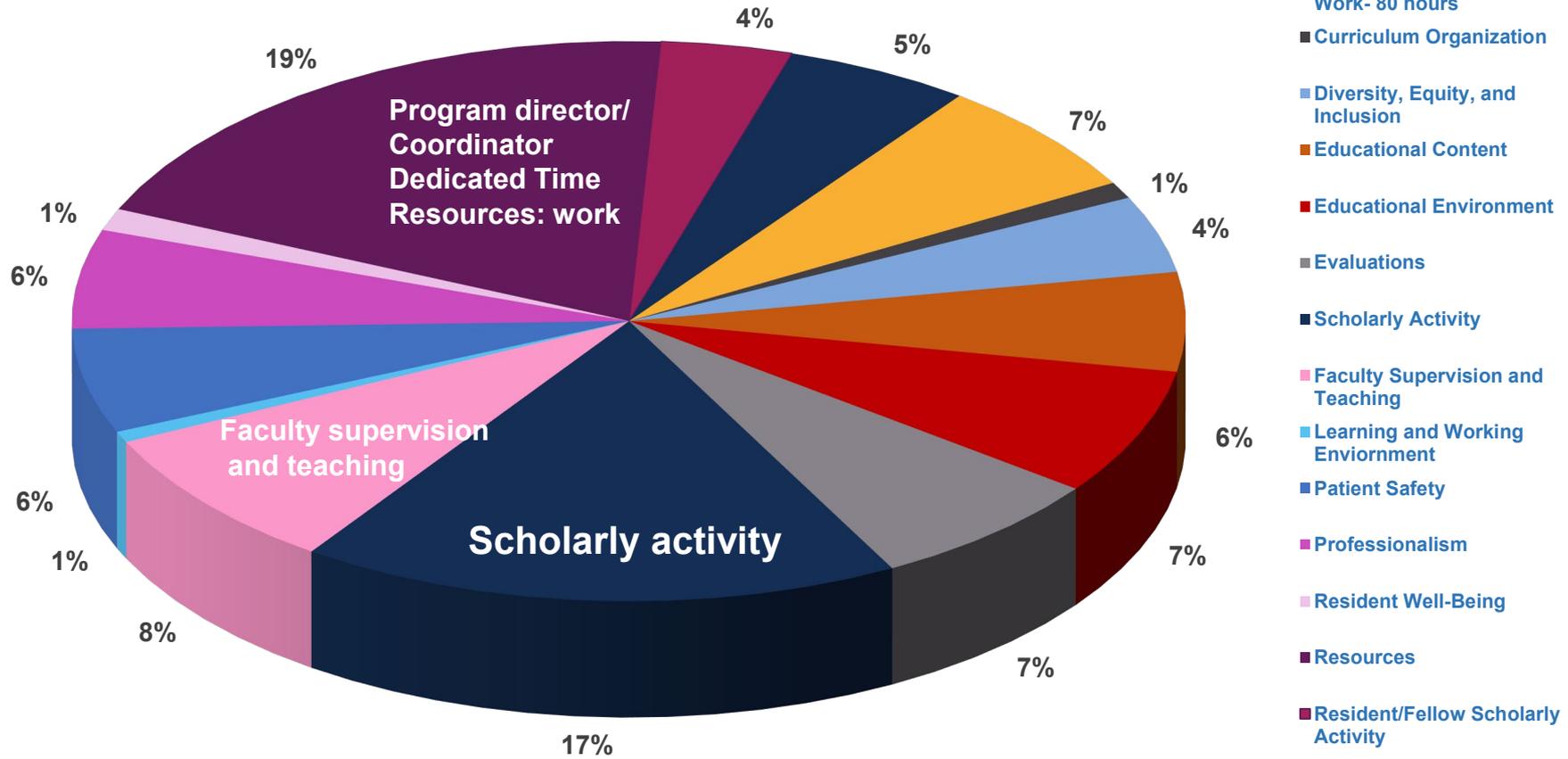
- Annual Program Reviews (96)
- Applications (3)
- Complaints (2)
- Backfill Request (9)
- Elective Credit Request (5)
- International Rotations (9)
- Initial w/Site Visit (3)
- One-Time Elective Rotations (16)
- Site Change (7)
- Complement Change (15)
- Program Director Change (16)
- Site Director Change (1)

# **% Total Citations AY 2022-2023 Annual Program Review**



- Prog Personnel and Resources (3.A.-3.F.)
- Education Program (4.A.-4.J.)
- Learning and Work Environment (4.K.- 4.K.9)
- Evaluation (5.A.-5.C.)
- Board Pass (5.D.)

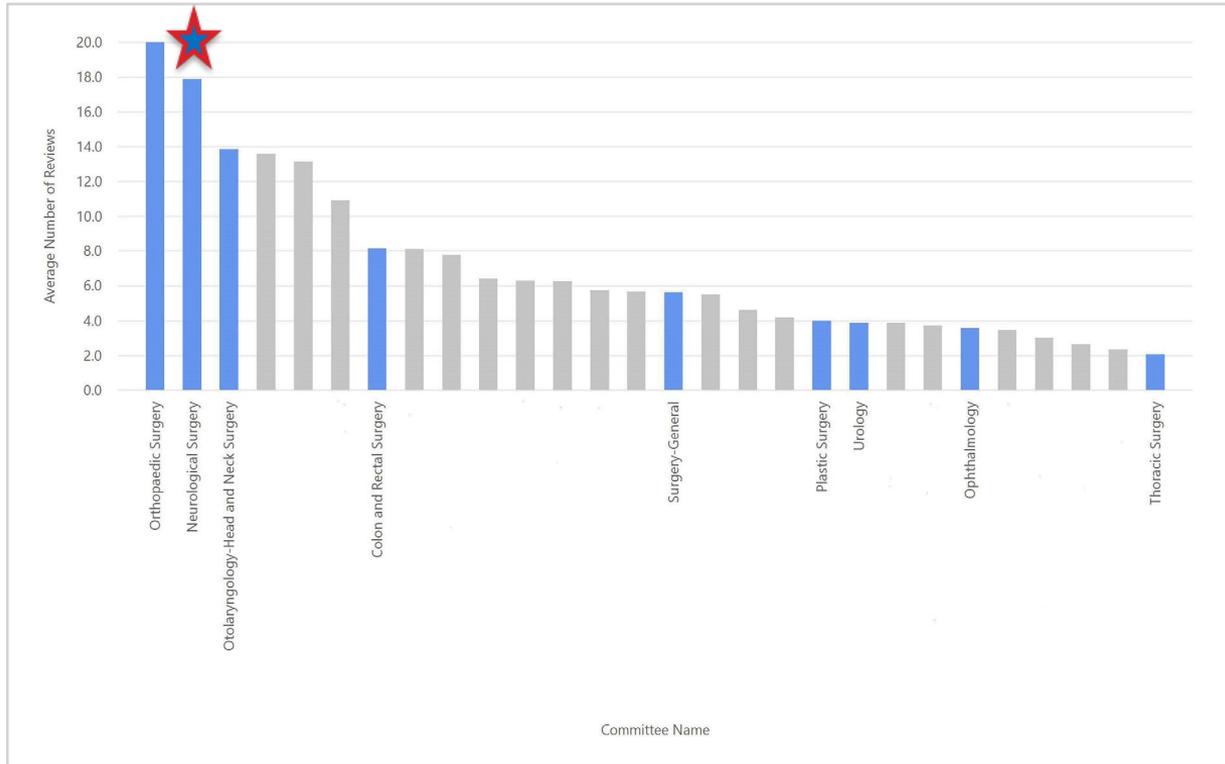
**% Total AFIs  
AY 2022-2023  
Annual Program Review**





# 2022-2023 Annual Review Cycle Analysis Report

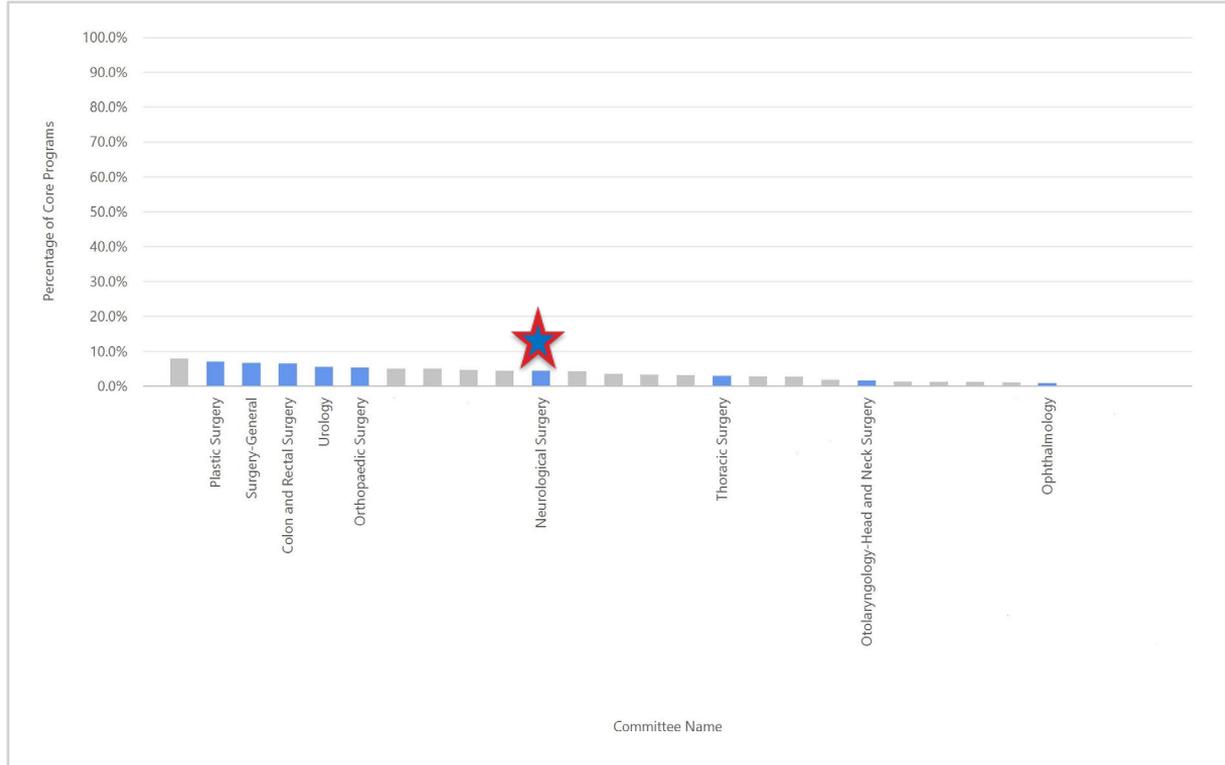
## Average Number of Reviews Per Reviewer - Includes Cores and Subs





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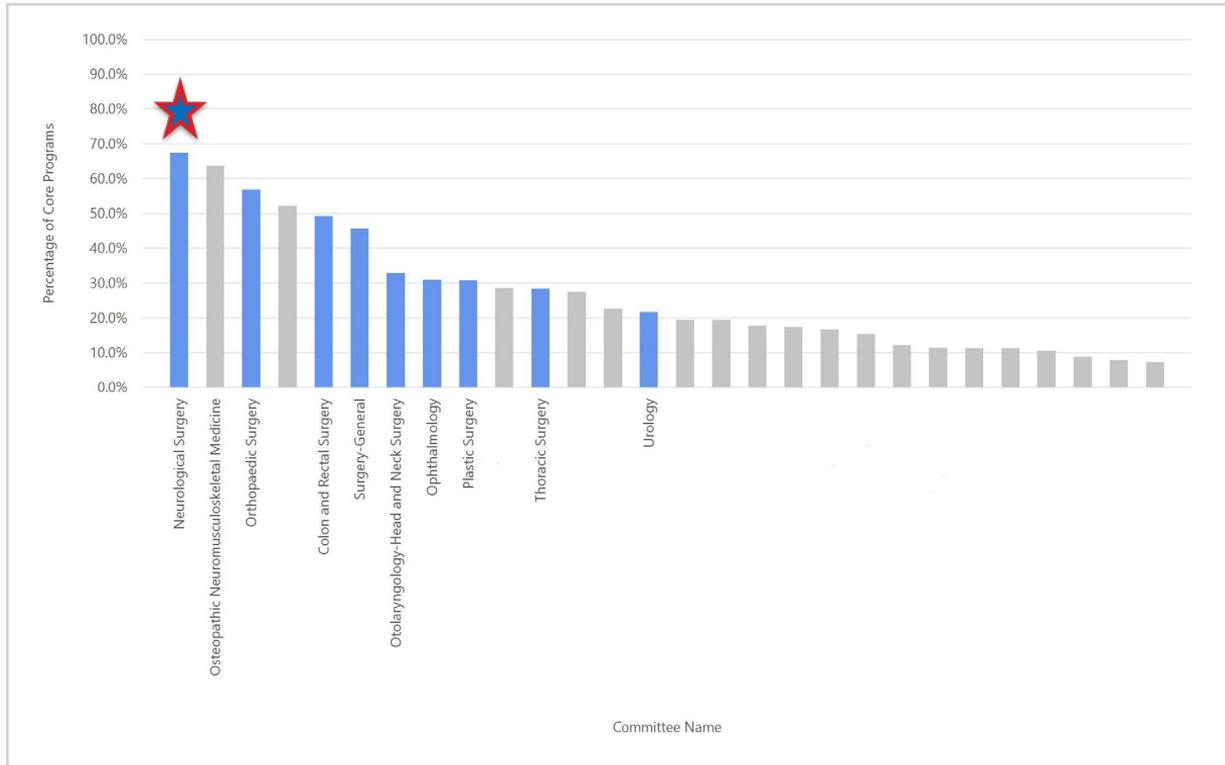
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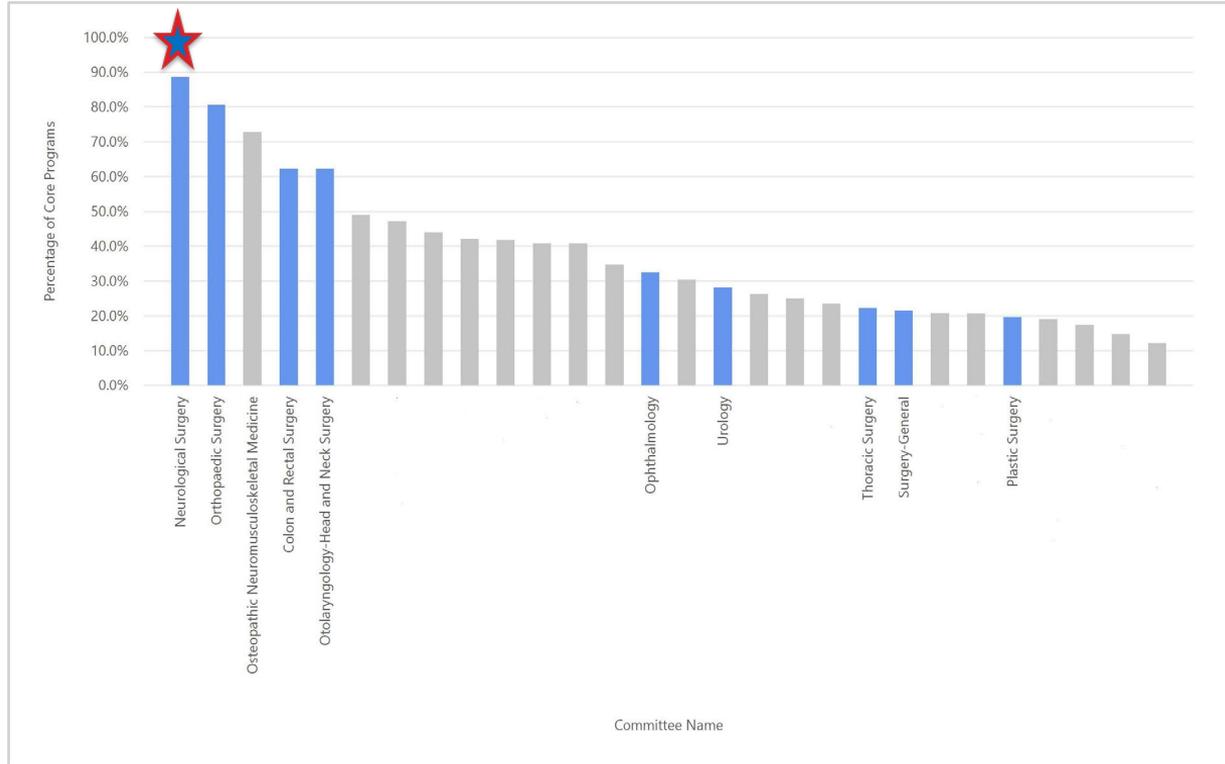
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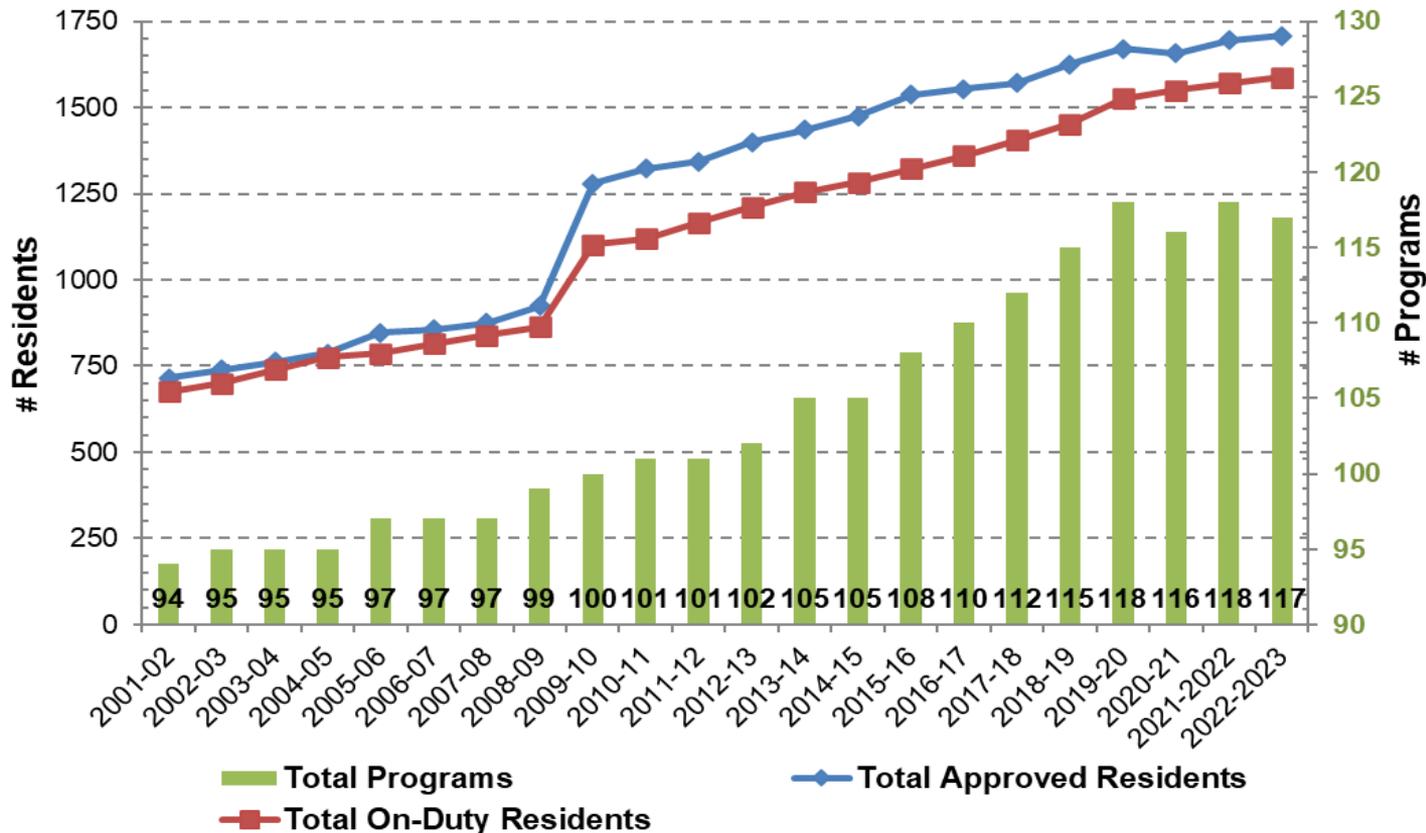
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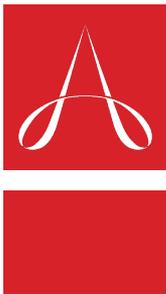
## Percentage of Core Programs Issued Areas for Improvement





## Program/Complement History: Neurological Surgery





# 2023 Annual Program Review: January/April 2024 Review Committee Meetings

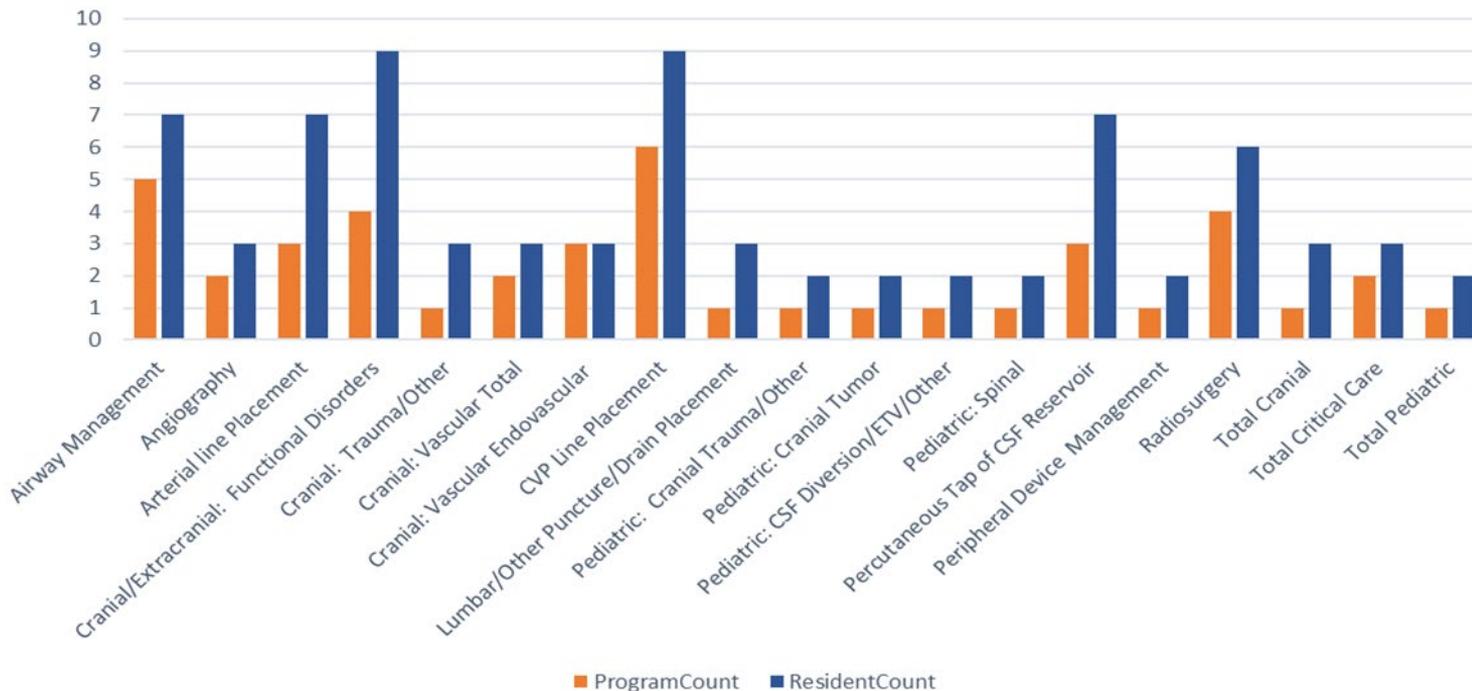
## 2022-2023 Case Log Report

	# Programs	# Min Fail
Core	104	7



# Minimums Fail by Procedure

## 2022-2023 Case Log Minimum Report (n=7)

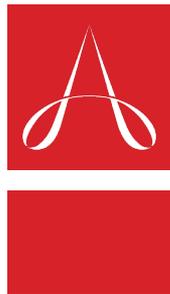




# 2024 Annual Program Review

## Board Scores

- First-time takers *only* during the most recent *three* years reported by ABNS to ACGME.
  - Bottom fifth percentile nationally for the specialty *AND*
  - Subject to citation if <80 percent pass rate



# 2024 Annual Program Review

## January/April 2024

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### Board Scores

Written 5th  
Percentile 2021-  
2023 = 90.9%

1 program failed

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Oral 5th percentile  
2021-2023= 50%

10 programs failed

# ACGME SITE VISIT UPDATE 2024

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# Background

- Effective October 2023:
  - The ACGME discontinued 10-Year Accreditation Site Visits for programs.
  - The program Self-Study will continue to be a requirement (V.C.2.), but it will no longer be linked to or reviewed during a site visit.
  - All program Self-Study and 10-Year Accreditation Site Visit dates in ADS were removed in the fall of 2023.



# Updated Model for Site Visits

- Updated and sustainable model for improvement and assurance.
- Starting in 2024, the ACGME will conduct site visits annually for approximately one to two percent of programs with a status of Continued Accreditation that have not had a site visit in approximately 10 years or more.
  - These site visits will be identified through a sampling process and will support the ACGME's assurance responsibility to the public.



# Updated Model for Site Visits

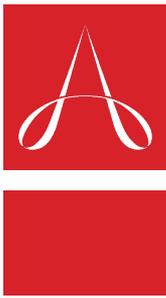
For 2024, all selected programs for these site visits were notified in January of their approximate site visit target date (May-July 2024).

For these programs, ACGME Field Activities has initiated the scheduling process by requesting site visit blackout dates.

Separately, Review Committees may request site visits for programs with Continued Accreditation statuses at their discretion after the annual review of data or in response to a complaint.

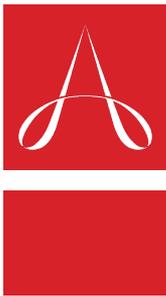
# INTERIM REQUEST REMINDERS

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# Neurological Surgery Specialty-Specific Block Diagram

- The Review Committee developed a specialty-specific block diagram template to highlight the necessary components of a program's curriculum and organization.
- The block diagram template is posted on the **Documents and Resources** page in the **Neurological Surgery** section of the ACGME website and in the Specialty Instructions link in the ADS "Sites" tab.
- The Neurological Surgery Block Diagram template is encouraged to be used for the Annual ADS Update, as well as all complement increase and participating site change requests.
- Email questions to Senior Accreditation Administrator Citlali Meza, MPA - [cmeza@acgme.org](mailto:cmeza@acgme.org).



# Updated Neurological Surgery Specialty-Specific Block Diagram

- Simplifying the month duration by removing the drop-down menu with preset times and instead leaving the option for only a single month
- Allowing free text entry in the rotation focus field, providing more flexibility in describing rotations
- Adding instructions to merge rotations together where appropriate to better represent the education/training structure



# Changes in Participating Sites

The request must be initiated through ADS

- If a site is not available in the drop-down list, contact your institutional coordinator to add the site

Review Committee staff members will contact program for additional information; guidelines are available on [Review Committee web page](#)

**Residents must not rotate to a proposed site until the request has been approved.**



# International Rotations

## International Rotation Application Process

- Must be offered as electives only
- Must receive prior approval of the American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS)
- No cases may be entered into the ACGME Case Log System
- Submit to the Review Committee six to nine months before start date
- Send request to [cmeza@acgme.org](mailto:cmeza@acgme.org)



# Changes in Resident Complement

- Requests for complement increases must be submitted through ADS and have DIO approval
  - ✓ Educational Rationale
  - ✓ Major changes in the program since last review
  - ✓ Response to previous citations
  - ✓ Current/proposed block diagrams
  - ✓ Institutional operative data for the most recent academic year
- Programs requesting a complement increase for 90 days or less do NOT require Review Committee approval
- Permanent and temporary increases are reviewed at scheduled Review Committee meetings only; be mindful of agenda closing dates



# Documents and Resources

## Neurological Surgery

Specialties

The Review Committee for Neurological Surgery provides these resources to accredited programs and those applying for accreditation.

Overview

Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications

Milestones

Documents and Resources

Review Committee Members



## Documents

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Case Log Guidelines

Case Log Mapping Update

Case Log Required Minimum Numbers Effective July 1, 2019

Case Log Statistical Reports

Guidelines for Participating Site Change Requests

Institutional Case Report Form

International Rotation Application Process

Neurological Surgery Block Diagram

Requests for Changes in Resident Complement

Work Hour Exception Request

# ACGME RESOURCES

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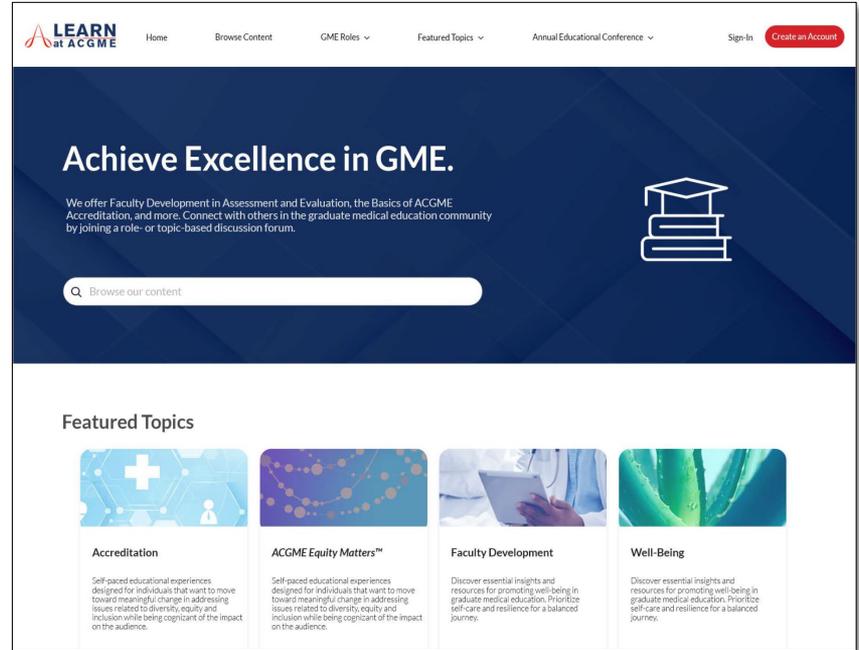
## Learn at ACGME Redesign Coming Soon!

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The screenshot shows the ACGME online learning portal homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ACGME logo and links for Home, Browse Content, GME Roles, Featured Topics, Annual Educational Conference, Sign-In, and a red button for Create an Account. The main header area has a dark blue background with the text "Achieve Excellence in GME." and a stack of books icon. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Browse our content". The featured topics section includes four cards: Accreditation, ACGME Equity Matters™, Faculty Development, and Well-Being, each with a brief description of the content.

# Remediation Toolkit

## If You Build It, They Will Come:

### Designing a Centralized Remediation Program

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Karen M. Warburton, MD, FACP, FASN  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
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Director, GME Advancement  
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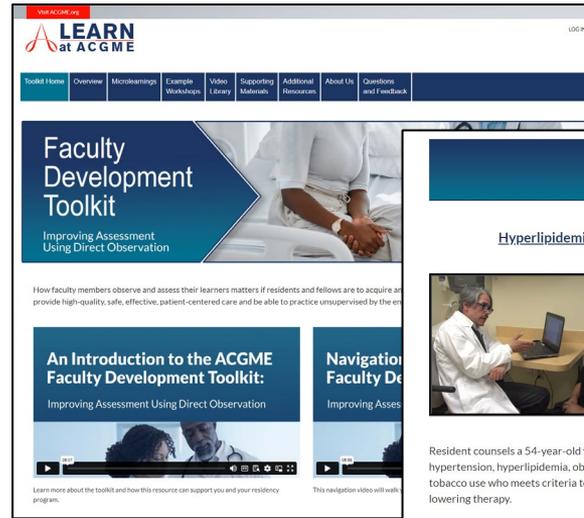


- 11 modules authored by **renowned experts** in the field.
- Equips participants with tools for **addressing needs of struggling learners**.
- **CME** offered after completion.

*The ACGME designates this enduring material for a maximum of **5.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**.*

# Faculty Development Toolkit: Improving Assessment Using Direct Observation

- Faculty development materials around **direct observation and feedback**
- Evidence-based **video prompts**
- Answer keys and **facilitator guides**
- **Microlearning** lessons with associated slides and guides

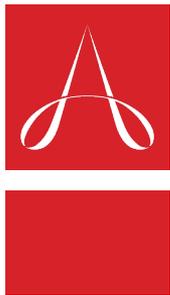


# Program Coordinator Course

- For **new and seasoned** coordinators
- Covers a **wide range of topics** important to program coordinators
- **Videos** from working coordinators
- **Coming summer 2024**

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- RECRUITMENT**  
Recruitment for Program Coordinators  
Module  
Included in this lesson:  
- Recruitment basics for Program Coordinators  
- Recruitment review process  
- Interview  
- Match Process  
[Start](#)  
Image: A person presenting to a group in a meeting.
- REVIEW AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEES**  
Review and Recognition Committees for Program Coordinators  
Module  
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- PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**  
Program Requirements for Program Coordinators  
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# Questions?